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SUBJECT: AIRCRAFT HIJACKING LIAISON

REF: STATE 290525

1. IF AN AIRCRAFT HIJACKING SHOULD OCCUR IN TRINIDAD OR A HIJACKED AIRCRAFT ATTEMPT TO REFUEL OR TAKE REFUGE HERE, ALL POLICY DECISION RELATED THERETO WOULD BE TAKEN DIRECTLY BY PRIME MINISTER DR. ERIC WILLIMAS. ON THE BASIS OF PAST EXPERIENCE WE DO NOT BELIEVE WILLIAMS WOULD BE OPEN TO DIRECT TELEPHONED CONTACT FROM ABROAD BY FOREIGN OFFICIALS. THEREFORE, IT WOULD BE URGENT THAT THE USG ENGAGE THIS EMBASSY IN THE NECESSARY DIALOGUE IMMEDIATELY IN ORDER THAT WE MAY IN TURN EFFECTIVELY ENGAGE THE TOP POLICY OFFICIALS OF THE GOVERNMENT AND WILLIAMS HIMSELF IN OUR CONCERNS AND PRIORITIES.

2. AT THE OPEATIONAL LEVEL, THE TWO OFFICIALS LISTED BELOW COULD BE CONTACTED BY PHONE AS APPROPRIATE, BUT THEIR FREEDOM OF ACTION WOULD BE CIRCUMSCRIBED, AND THEY WOULD NOT BE LIKELY EITHER TO BE VERY FORTHCOMING OR COMMUNICATIVE IN RESPONSE TO SUCH AN INTERNATIONAL CALL. EMBASSY WOULD SUPPORT SUCH DIRECT REPRESENTATION AT ALL LEVELS, HOWEVER, IF GIVEN SUFFICIENT INFORMATION. THE TWO OFFICIALS ARE:

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